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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT ON RABAT SUMMIT

1. JORDANIAN PRESS CARRIED PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT ON RABAT SUMMIT, GIVING GREATEST PROMINENCE TO REMARKS REGARDING PLO. AL DUSTOUR AND AS SABAH HEADLINE STATED "FORD URGES ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH PLO".

2. JORDANIAN PRESS CARRIED AGENCE FRANCE PRESS STORY AS SUMMARIZED BELOW: PRES FORD EXPRESSED HIS HOPE LAST NIGHT THAT RESULTS OF ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE WILL NOT LEAD TO CLOSURE OF ROAD TO NEGOTIATIONS AIMING AT FINDING PEACEFUL
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SOLUTION TO MIDEAST CRISIS. PRESIDENT SAID HE DOES NOT YET

KNOW THE EFFECT OF THE RABAT RESOLUTION OF EXTENDING FULL
RECOGNITION TO THE PLO ON THE ROLE OF THE U.S. IN MIDEAST.
HE HOWEVER ADDED THAT ISRAEL MUST NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO
NOW THAT THE PLO IS ONE OF THE ARAB PARTIES.

3. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE INFORMAL LOCAL
REACTION TO STORIES ALLEGING THAT PRESIDENT FORD URGING
ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH PLO AND WE WOULD EXPECT THERE WILL
BE OFFICIAL ENQUIRES FOLLOWING KING HUSSEIN'S AND JORDANIAN
DELEGATION'S RETURN TO JORDAN LATER TODAY.
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